

**PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD**

<b>1. DATE</b>	<b>2. LOCATION</b>	<b>12. CONCLUSIONS</b>
3 November 1957	White Sands, New Mexico	<input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft
<b>3. DATE-TIME GROUP</b>	<b>4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION</b>	<b>1. Moon</b>
Local	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	<b>2. Venus</b>
<b>5. PHOTOS</b>	<b>6. SOURCE</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Venus <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
<b>7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION</b>	<b>8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS</b>	<b>9. COURSE</b>
10 to 25 minutes	two	variable
<b>10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING</b>	<b>11. COMMENTS</b>	
<p>Sources were U.S. Army soldiers on patrol. On 1st patrol they observed a very bright, fuzzy light to the west above the horizon, large as grapefruit. It was cold, drizzly, windy &amp; cloudy.</p> <p>On 2nd patrol they observed a pulsating light that looked "like a star" for 25 mins about <math>45^{\circ}</math> above horizon towards the SSW.</p> <p>Determined that they had discussed their separate sightings among selves before rptng them. (determined by AF Investigators).</p>	<p>This obviously another case where rpt was influenced by famous Leveland case which took place few hrs before &amp; was given nation-wide publicity by press, radio &amp; TV.</p> <p>Sources very young (18-20) impressionable &amp; on duty in a lonely, isolated desert post. Interviewers agreed that their statements were magnified out of proportion. Conclusions: 1st patrol sighting-moon set. 2nd patrol sighting-Venus</p>	

### *E-M and Non-E-M Saucers*

The next UFOs reported in this series belong to the old-fashioned, non-E-M variety. From White Sands Proving Grounds near Alamogordo, New Mexico, came a report that military police, while patrolling the up-range in a jeep about 2:30 Sunday morning (a few hours after the Saucedo incident), had seen a brilliant reddish-orange light, shaped like an egg, hovering in the sky. From its apparent distance (two to three miles away) and apparent size (as large as a grapefruit held at arm's length), the men deduced that it was a huge object, 75 to 100 yards in diameter [2]. After remaining motionless for about three minutes, it descended toward the ground and disappeared. (According to some versions, it later rose into the sky and then disappeared.) Members of another jeep patrol soon matched this tale with the report that on Sunday night about eight o'clock they had seen a bright, glowing object hovering in the sky but, instead of landing, it suddenly climbed until it got so far up it looked like a star. Both, jeeps, it should be noted, continued to function normally.

Officials at White Sands soon dampened the excitement. The description of the light that appeared at 2:30 A.M. included certain doubtful factors. The night had been overcast and so dark that the stars were not visible, although the cloud cover was broken at intervals. Since the sighting had not included any object of known distance or known size for comparison, the estimates of the UFO's distance and size were of no value. The light might have been small and close; it might equally well have been huge and far away. Under the circumstances, the most probable explanation was that the men had glimpsed the moon (then roughly half full) through broken clouds, and that the apparent movement was an illusion produced by the moving clouds. The Sunday evening UFO was unquestionably the planet Venus. Then nearly at maximum brilliance, it was a conspicuous object in the western sky after sunset and inspired many saucer reports during this week of anxiety.

The White Sands incidents had reached the papers, however, and contributed to the general hysteria. By Monday afternoon, flying eggs were allegedly stopping automobiles as far north as Canada, but the Southwest continued to hold the center of the UFO stage against all competition.

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NAME OR DESCRIPTION OF SOURCE GLENN H. TOY and others		EVALUATION F-6	ACTIVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON (Date)	
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I. SOURCE: Cpl Glenn H. Toy, RA 13542160  
 Address: US Army Garrison (Det 5)  
 White Sands Proving Grounds, New Mexico

Age: 21

Occupation: Motor Patrol, Military Police

Education: Half of tenth grade

II. RELIABILITY OF SOURCE: SOURCE appeared to be quite ingenuous, naive and impressionable. He was immaculately dressed in his Army uniform and meticulously observed military courtesy. SOURCE appeared to be quite sincere, cooperative, and was eager to describe the sighting. By the time this interviewer was able to talk with SOURCE, he had been interviewed several times by press representatives as well as military personnel, had discussed it with the other patrol, and so gave all answers without hesitation or uncertainty. In the opinion of this interviewer, SOURCE is quite sincere in his belief that he truly saw "something;" however, it is believed that this has been magnified out of all proportion.

6130-Z-7 = 0230

2:30 AM

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: At approximately 030930Z Nov 57, SOURCE, together with PFC James E. Wilbanks, was on a routine motor patrol of the "up range" area of the White Sands Proving Grounds, when he noticed a very bright object high in the sky. This object slowly descended to an altitude estimated to be approximately fifty (50) yards where it remained motionless for about three (3) minutes, then descended to the ground where the light went out. The object was not blurred or fuzzy, emitted no vapor or smoke. The object was in view for about ten (10) minutes, and SOURCE estimated that it was approximately two (2) or three (3) miles away. It was estimated to be between seventy-five (75) and 100 yards in diameter, and shaped like an egg. SOURCE stated that it was as large as a grapefruit held at arms length. The weather was cold, drizzling, and windy, and SOURCE stated no stars were visible. After the light went out, SOURCE and PFC Wilbanks continued north to the STALLION SITE CAMP and reported the incident to the Sergeant of the Guard, who returned to the area but failed to find anything. SOURCE's signed and sworn statement to his Commanding Officer is quoted in full:

*Note!* *observed* *From a moving platform.*  
 "At about 0230-0300 Sunday morning I, CPL GLENN H TOY and PFC WILBANKS were on patrol in Range Area when we noticed a very bright object high in the sky. We were proceeding north toward South Gate and object kept coming down toward the ground. Object stopped approximately fifty (50) yards from the ground and went out and nothing could be seen. A few minutes later object became real bright (like the sun) then fell in an angle to the ground and went out. Object was approximately seventy-five (75) to 100 yards in diameter and shaped like an egg. Object landed by the bunker area approximately three (3) miles from us. Object was not seen again!  
 END OF STATEMENT"

PFC Wilbanks was not available for interview, since he was on a three (3) day pass; however, his signed and sworn statement to his Commanding Officer is quoted in full:

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 END OF STATEMENT"

*Almost due West*

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<p>1. SOURCES: SP-3 Henry R. Barlow, RA 28228708 Address: US Army Garrison (Det 5) White Sands Proving Grounds, New Mexico Age: 21 Occupation: Motor Patrol, Military Police Education: High School Graduate SP-3 Forest R. Oakes, RA 13524749 Address: US Army Garrison (Det 5) White Sands Proving Grounds, New Mexico Age: 19 Occupation: Motor Patrol, Military Police Education: High School Graduate</p> <p>Both Barlow Oakes</p>		
<p>II. RELIABILITY OF SOURCES: Both SOURCES, interviewed by press and military personnel prior to this interviewer's talk with them, gave identical accounts of the sighting. The two (2) SOURCES were neat and observed military courtesy at all times, but impressed this interviewer as being not at all observant or competent witnesses. The general tenor of their conversation did not indicate keen insight of details, nor did it indicate above average intelligence. In the opinion of this interviewer, SOURCE's account of the sighting has been magnified out of all proportion to its importance, and the attendant publicity has been more sensational than factual.</p> <p>III. SOURCES' DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: At approximately 040300Z Nov 57, the two (2) SOURCES were on a routine motor patrol near the Trinity site at the White Sands Proving Grounds, New Mexico, driving west in a jeep. The night was fairly bright with some stars visible through scattered clouds. The moon was visible. At the same moment, both SOURCES became aware of a bright light in the sky, which slowly climbed to approximately forty-five (45) degrees from the horizon. The light appeared to pulsate, and was the color of heated metal; red, then white. At no time did it disappear behind clouds. SOURCES did not observe any smoke or vapor, nor did they hear any unusual sounds. The object climbed in the sky until it looked like a star and then disappeared. The object did not have a distinct silhouette, but appeared blurred and fuzzy. SOURCES viewed the object for approximately twenty-five (25) minutes. Signed and sworn statements made to their Commanding Officer are quoted below:</p> <p>Signed and sworn statement of SP-3 Henry R. Barlow to his Commanding Officer is quoted in full:</p> <p>"On the four (4) to twelve (12) Patrol, 3rd Nov 57, SP-3 OAKES and I, SP-3 HENRY R. BARLOW JR. on our check at Trinity Site, at approximately 2000, we looked in the general area of the West Impact area, and seen a bright light leave the ground and proceeding slowly into the air, we watched it for a few minutes and then proceeded to Nip Site, when we reached the Range Road, the object kept getting brighter, then going dimmer, then out then proceed to get brighter again. On arriving at Nip Site, we set and watched it for a few minutes then it disappeared, we then proceeded to the PRO and notified the SGT of the Guard. On our way to the PRO we seen the object several times and then disappear again./END OF STATEMENT"</p> <p>Signed and sworn statement of SP-3 Forest R. Oakes to his Commanding Officer is quoted in full:</p> <p>Forest Oakes</p>		

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<p>* On or about 2000 hours 3 November 1957 SP-3 Barlow and myself, SP-3 Forest R Oakes, RA 13524749 saw a large bright light hanging approximately fifty (50) feet over bunker. It took off at forty-five (45) degree angle and went up into the sky, then it started <u>blinking on and off</u>. Then it disappeared. I would say it was two or three hundred feet long and just about as wide. It was very bright, <u>as the sun</u>. We were approximately four or five miles west of the light./END OF STATEMENT*</p> <p><i>Note: blinking off and on</i></p> <p><i>at 2:30</i></p> <p><i>in the</i></p> <p><i>Middle</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">16</p>		

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SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS:

1. A check with Dr. Lincoln LaPaz, Head of the Department of Meteoritics at the University of New Mexico, revealed that no unusual meteorological or astronomical phenomena occurred during this period.
2. Weather records reveal that the planet Venus was at first magnitude at 2000 hours MST, and at 15 degrees elevation, with an azimuth of 225 degrees.
3. Moonset on 3 November 1957 was at 0229 hours MST at an azimuth of 270 degrees.

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COMMENTS OF THE PREPARING OFFICER:

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1. The opinion of the preparing officer is that the first patrol mistook moon-set for an unidentified flying object, and that the second patrol merely witnessed the planet Venus.
2. Both sightings were made by young and impressionable SOURCES, on duty in lonely and isolated areas.
3. Identification criteria for planets are applicable for each sighting.

*William P. Brunson*

WILLIAM P. BRUNSON  
Lt. Colonel, USAF  
Operations Officer

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<p>I. SOURCES: SP-2 Henry R. Farlow, RA 28220708        Address: US Army Garrison (Det 5)        White Sands Proving Grounds, New Mexico</p> <p>Age: 21        Occupation: Motor Patrol, Military Police        Education: High School Graduate</p> <p>SP-3 Forest R. Oakes, RA 13524749        Address: US Army Garrison (Det 5)        White Sands Proving Grounds, New Mexico</p> <p>Age: 19        Occupation: Motor Patrol, Military Police        Education: High School Graduate</p> <p>II. RELIABILITY OF SOURCES: Both SOURCES, interviewed by press and military personnel prior to this interviewer's talk with them, gave identical accounts of the sighting. The two (2) SOURCES were neat and observed military courtesy at all times, but impressed this interviewer as being not at all observant or competent witnesses. The general tenor of their conversation did not indicate keen insight of details, nor did it indicate above average intelligence. In the opinion of this interviewer, SOURCE's account of the sighting has been magnified out of all proportion to its importance, and the attendant publicity has been more sensational than factual.</p> <p>III. SOURCES' DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: At approximately 010300Z Nov 57, the two (2) SOURCES were on a routine motor patrol near the Trinity site at the White Sands Proving Grounds, New Mexico, driving west in a jeep. The night was fairly bright with some stars visible through scattered clouds. The moon was visible. At the same moment, both SOURCES became aware of a bright light in the sky, which slowly climbed to approximately forty-five (45) degrees from the horizon. The light appeared to pulsate, and was the color of heated metal; red, then white. At no time did it disappear behind clouds. SOURCES did not observe any smoke or vapor, nor did they hear any unusual sounds. The object climbed in the sky until it looked like a star, and then disappeared. The object did not have a distinct silhouette, but appeared blurred and fuzzy. SOURCES viewed the object for approximately twenty-five (25) minutes. Signed and sworn statements made to their Commanding Officer are quoted below:</p> <p>Signed and sworn statement of SP-3 Henry R. Farlow to his Commanding Officer is quoted in full:</p> <p>"On the four (4) to twelve (12) Patrol, 3rd Nov 57, SP-3 OAKES and I, SP-3 Henry R. FARLOW Jr. on our check at Trinity Site, at approximately 2000, we looked in the general area of the West Impact area, and seen a bright light leave the ground and proceeding slowly into the air, we watched it for a few minutes and then proceeded to Nip Site, when we reached the Range Road, the object kept getting brighter, then going dimmer, then out then proceed to get brighter again. On arrivin at Nip Site, we set and watched it for a few minutes then it disappeared, we then proceeded to the P.O. and notified the S.M. of the Guard. On our way to the P.O. we seen the object several times and then disappear again./END OF STATEMENT"</p> <p>Signed and sworn statement of SP-3 Forest R. Oakes to his Commanding Officer is quoted in full:</p>				

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\* On or about 2000 hours 3 November 1957 SP-3 Barlow and myself, SP-3 Forrest R Cakes, RA 13524772 saw a large bright light hanging approximately fifty (50) feet over bunker. It took off at forty-five (45) degree angle and went up into the sky, then it started blinking on and off. Then it disappeared. I would say it was two or three hundred feet long and just about as wide. It was very bright, as the sun. We were approximately four or five miles west of the light. / 110 Gs 22412 RT \*

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SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIONS IN FORTE:

1. A check with Dr. Lincoln LaFever, Head of the Department of Meteoritics at the University of New Mexico, revealed that no unusual meteorological or astronomical phenomena occurred during this period.
2. Weather records reveal that the planet Venus was at first magnitude at 2000 hours ST, and at 15 degrees elevation, with an azimuth of 225 degrees.
3. Moonset on 3 November 1957 was at 0029 hours MST at an azimuth of 170 degrees.

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COMMENTS OF THE PREPARING OFFICER:

1. The opinion of the preparing officer is that the first patrol mistook moon for an unidentified flying object, and that the second patrol merely witnessed the planet Venus.
2. Both sightings were made by young and impressionable sources, on duty in lonely and isolated areas.
3. Identification criteria for planets are applicable for each sighting.

*William P. Grams*  
WILLIAM P. GRAMS  
Lt. Colonel, USAF  
Operations Officer

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Fwd. H. G. [unclear]  
Dec 1957WHITE SANDS, N.M. Base (345-1757) H. G. [unclear]  
(See Part IV, IC-41030, and Part IV, TT-57-30468)

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 [REDACTED] /FROM: AFCIN-4E4 CITE IC 41030

REFERENCE PREVIOUS MESSAGE IN EIGHT PARTS, DTD 8 NOVEMBER 1957. THIS IS ADDITIONAL INFO RE HIGHLY PUBLICIZED INCIDENTS.

REF. PART I OF PREVIOUS MSG: INVESTIGATION OF ANOTHER SOURCE IN AREA WHO CLAIMS THAT HIS IGNITION STALLED AT TIME OF SCHMIDTS SIGHTING, DISCLOSED THAT HIS DISTRIBUTOR ROTOR WAS CHANGED IN HIS TRUCK DAY BEFORE. FURTHER, STATEMENT FROM MECHANIC INDICATES THAT PIECE OF OLD ROTOR LATER FOUND WEDGED IN BETWEEN POINTS.

REF. PART IV, STOKES INCIDENT: HOSPITAL EXAMINATION REVEALS NO BURNS ON STOKES. UNDER EXAMINATION ADMITS THAT HE HAD EXPERIENCED RADIO FADE-OUT IN THAT AREA PREVIOUSLY. WITNESSES WHOM STOKES CLAIMS TO HAVE JOTTED DOWN CANNOT BE FOUND AFTER DILIGENT SEARCH. STOKES EVALUATED AS UNRELIABLE BY AF INVESTIGATORS

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REF PART IV, MILITARY PATROLS INCIDENTS: INVESTIGATION  
MADE OF 3 OR 4 MEMBERS WHO OBSERVED UFOS AT SEPARATE  
TIMES IN WHITE SANDS PROVING GROUNDS. FOLLOWING DISCLOSED:

- a. SOURCES AGES 17 to 21, QUITE IMPRESSIONABLE.
- b. INDICATED THAT NOT PARTICULARLY OBSERVANT OR ANALYTICAL.
- c. ALL MEMBERS HAD DISCUSSED PHENOMENA AMONG THEMSELVES,  
WHICH PROBABLY ACCOUNTS FOR ALMOST IDENTICAL STORIES.
- d. THEY GAVE STORY FIRST TO LOCAL NEWSPAPERS.
- e. ASTRO PLOTS INDICATE VENUS AT ITS MAGNITUDE AT TIME,  
PLACE AND DIRECTION OF FIRST PATROL'S OBSERVATION. MOON  
IN GENERAL DIRECTION OF SECOND PATROL'S OBSERVATION, WITH  
SCATTERED CLOUDS.

PASS ON TO MAJOR TACKER, SAFIS. CAPTAIN GREGORY COULD NOT  
CONTACT MAJOR TACKER, MONTGOMERY OR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF  
DEFENSE OFFICE, SATURDAY. INFORMATION GIVEN TO MISTER  
HOWELL. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION NEGATIVE GIVEN TO LIFE  
MAGAZINE BY SOURCE. ALESS DETACHMENT, NORTON AFB SAYS  
PRINT WILL BE OBTAINED SOON. ASSUMPTION GIVEN TO MISTER  
HOWELL NOW APPEARS VALID.

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in telegram  
concerning  
from White  
Sands*

*First "fall report"  
Send to Pentagon  
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THIS MESSAGE IN EIGHT PARTS. REFERENCE NUMEROUS PRESS QUERIES TO HEADQUARTERS USAF AND ATIC DURING LAST THREE DAYS REGARDING UFO INCIDENTS THROUGHOUT U.S. GIVEN WIDE PUBLICITY, AND YOUR REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE CONCLUSIONS OR FINDINGS.

PART I. KEARNEY, NEBRASKA "SPACE SHIP" INCIDENT. SOURCE, REINHOLDT SCHMIDT CONSIDERED WHOLLY UNRELIABLE SOURCE. HAS WIDE CRIMINAL RECORD, THREE YEARS IN PENITENTIARY, AND HAS REFUSED TO TAKE LIE DETECTOR TESTS. LOCAL SHERIFF STATES HE CAN BREAK SCHMIDT'S STORY TO MAKE HIM PERSONALLY ADMIT STORY WAS A HOAX. BELIEVE PORTION OR ALL OF THIS RELEASED TO PRESS. THEREFORE, USAF RELEASE TO PUBLIC CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE.

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CONTRARY TO PRESS REPORTS. FROM LIMITED DATA IN OFFICIAL REPORT, REFERENCE TT MESSAGE CGC SEBAGO WPG 42, COPY YOUR HEADQUARTERS. FOLLOWING CONSIDERED OUR TENTATIVE CONCLUSIONS:

- a. IMPRESSION THAT ONLY ONE OBJECT OBSERVED APPEARS ERRONEOUS. FOUR SEPARATE TARGETS INDICATED. 3 ON RADAR, ONE VISUALLY.
- b. EACH TIME SUCCEEDING TARGET PICKED UP IT WAS IN ALMOST DIRECT OPPOSITE DIRECTION FROM PRECEDING TARGET AND SOME DISTANCE AWAY.
- c. A TIME-DISTANCE PLOT INDICATES ONE TARGET RETURN HAD SPEED APPROXIMATELY 250 MPH, ANOTHER 660 MPH, SUGGESTING PROPELLELR TYPE AND JET AIRCRAFT RESPECTIVELY.
- d. VISUALLY SIGHTING ONLY 3 SECONDS, BRILLIANT LIKE PLANET, MOVING WITH HIGH SPEED, BUT HORIZONTALLY, REPEAT HORIZONTALLY, AGAIN SUGGESTIVE OF AIRCRAFT.
- e. AREA OF INCIDENT IS SCENE OF MANY FLIGHTS AND OPERATIONS OF NAVY AND AIR FORCE. HOWEVER, WE CANNOT CHECK THE COUNTLESS POSSIBLE ORIGIN OF AIRCRAFT AND THEIR FLIGHT PLANS.
- f. ON BASIS OF ABOVE, MANEUVERS AND SPEEDS SUGGESTIVE OF CONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT FOR MOST PART. HOWEVER, THE SUDDEN APPEARANCE AND DISAPPEARANCE OF THE TARGETS COULD BE INDICATIVE OF SPURIOUS RETURNS (FALSE TARGETS). IN ANY EVENT, MORE THAN ONE RETURN IS INDICATED, CONTRARY TO

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PART III. LELLIAND, TEXAS, "BLUE LIGHT" CASE. INFORMED BY COMMANDER, 1006TH AISS THAT INVESTIGATION PROCEEDING SATISFACTORILY. FURTHER DATA DISCLOSE FOLLOWING:

- a. CONTRARY TO KEYHOB'S AND WASHINGTON PRESS REPORTS ONLY THREE, NOT NINE PERSONS WITNESSED INCIDENT.
- b. OBJECT OBSERVED FOR ONLY FEW SECONDS, AND NOT LENGTHY PERIOD AS IMPLIED BY PRESS.
- c. MIST, RAIN, THUNDERSTORMS AND LIGHTNING DISCHARGES IN SCENE OF INCIDENT, FACT NOT QUOTED BY NEWSPAPER RELEASES.
- d. THE FOLLOWING POSSIBILITIES, REPEAT POSSIBILITIES, BEING CHECKED, WHICH COULD RESULT IN UNUSUAL PHENOMENA OBSERVED PARTICULARLY UNDER DARKNESS, MIST AND RAIN: (1) BURNING GAS FROM OIL OPERATIONS IN THE AREA, REFLECTING OFF LOW CLOUD CEILING EXISTING AT THAT TIME, (2) DOWNDOWN POWER LINE GIVING OFF SPARK DISPLAY IN CONTACT WITH WET GROUND, (3) ELECTRICAL DISCHARGE OR SIMILAR PHENOMENA LIKE ST. ELMO'S FIRE CAUSED BY RIGHT COMBINATION OF WEATHER AND OTHER CONDITIONS, AND (4) "BALL LIGHTNING" A RARE, BUT NEVERTHELESS, POSSIBILITY IN VIEW OF LIGHTING DISCHARGES IN VICINITY.

PART IV. SIGHTING AROUND WHITE SAND PROVING GROUND, NEW MEXICO AREA. INFORMED THAT MAJOR GENERAL LEIGHTON DAVIS, COMMANDER HAS SET UP INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE TO LOOK INTO SIGHTINGS. REPORTED THAT PRINCIPAL TAMES STOKES, ENGINEER

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"I, PFC Y, saw a fire like object about 0230 the 3 Nov 57 between the bunker area and South Gate, this is about all I remember seeing it was about sixty (60) or eighty (80) feet off the ground and it started down slow then it went out for a while, then I saw it again and it started down in about a forty (40) degree angle. It was about three (3) miles away and was about 120 feet in diameter./ END OF STATEMENT"

RELIABILITY OF SOURCES: Both Sources, interviewed by press and military personnel prior to this interviewer's talk with them, gave identical accounts of the sighting. The two (2) Sources were neat and observed military courtesy at all times, but impressed this interviewer as being not at all observant or competent witnesses. The general tenor of their conversation did not indicate keen insight of details, nor did it indicate above average intelligence. In the opinion of this interviewer, Source's account of the sighting has been magnified out of all proportion to its importance, and the attendant publicity has been more sensational than factual.

SOURCES' DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: At approximately 2000, 3 November 1957, the two (2) Sources were on a routine motor patrol near the Trinity site at the White Sands Proving Grounds, New Mexico, driving west in a jeep. The night was fairly bright with some stars visible through scattered clouds. The moon was visible. At the same moment, both Sources became aware of a bright light in the sky, which slowly climbed to approximately forty-five (45) degrees from the horizon. The light appeared to pulsate, and was the color of heated metal; red, then white. At no time did it disappear behind clouds. Sources did not observe any smoke or vapor, nor did they hear any unusual sounds. The object climbed in the sky until it looked like a star and then disappeared. The object did not have a distinct silhouette, but appeared blurred and fuzzy. Sources viewed the object for approximately twenty-five (25) minutes. Signed and sworn statements made to their Commanding Officer are quoted below:

Signed and sworn statement of SP-3 A to his Commanding Officer is quoted in full:

"On the four (4) to twelve (12) Patrol, 3rd Nov 57, SP-3 Z and I, SP-3 A, on our check at Trinity Site, at approximately 2000, we looked in the general area of the West Impact area, and seen a bright light leave the ground and proceeding slowly into the air, we watched it for a few minutes and then proceeded to Nip Site, when we reached the Range Road, the object kept getting brighter, then going dimmer, then out then proceed to get brighter again. On arriving at Nip Site, we set and watched it for a few minutes then it disappeared, we then proceeded to the FMO and notified the SGT of the Guard. On our way to the FMO we seen the object several times and then disappear again./END OF STATEMENT"

Signed and sworn statement of SP-3 Z to his Commanding Officer is quoted in full:

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WITH THE MISSILE DEVELOPMENT CENTER, WHO MADE A STATEMENT TO ALAMOGORDO RADIO STATION REGARDING SUNBURN GIVEN OFF BY HEAT OF FLYING OBJECT THAT MADE A PASS NEAR HIS LOCATION, WAS TAKEN TO HOSPITAL FOR OBSERVATION.

PART V. REFERENCE DEMANDS OF R. C. MAYNER FOR RETURN OF HIS SAUCER FILM ALLEGEDLY WITHHELD BY THE AIR FORCE. MAYNER IS TELEVISION EDITOR OF TV STATION KVWT, CLEVELAND. HAS PUBLICLY ACCUSED AF OF THIS. FOLLOWING IS QUOTED FROM LETTER TO AFCIN-X, DATED 9 MARCH 1954. QUOTE 1. AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER HAS NO RECORD OF HAVING RECEIVED SUBJECT FILM FROM (MARINE) PRIVATE RALPH MAYNER. 2. LIFE MAGAZINE, IN RECENT TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH ATIC, INDICATED THAT IT (FILM) HAD BEEN ORIGINALLY TURNED OVER TO A NAVAL BASE. IF THIS IS THE CASE, THE FILM WOULD HAVE REMAINED WITH NAVAL INTELLIGENCE. UNQUOTE. IT APPEARS THAT MAYNER DESIRES TO COMMERCIALIZE ON THE CURRENT "SAUCER SIGHTINGS" FUROR.

PART VI. REGARDING POSSIBLE DECLASSIFICATION AND RELEASE OF BRIEFING GIVEN TO MEMBER OF OFFICE OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, DR. ROBERTSON, REFERENCE IS MADE TO FORM AFHQ O-86 MESSAGE TO AFCIN-X1, DATED 18 OCTOBER 57, ATTENTION: MAJOR BYRNE ON SAME SUBJECT. IN BRIEF, THIS CENTER INTERPOSES NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE. HOWEVER, DECISION TO RELEASE LIES WITH AFCIN AND SAFIS.

PART VII. ATTENTION IS INVITED TO FACT THAT MEMBER OF

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NICAP WAS IMMEDIATELY DISPATCHED TO LEBELAND TEXAS TO INVESTIGATE. SIGNIFICANT TO POINT OUT THAT ALTHOUGH THIS ORGANIZATION CONTINUOUSLY IMPLIES USAF NOT QUALIFIED TO INVESTIGATE, OR DO NOT RELEASE THEIR FINDINGS, IT HAS NOT MADE ANY STATEMENTS REGARDING ITS OWN FINDINGS OR CONCLUSIONS. DESIRABLE IF NICAP WOULD MAKE ITS FINDINGS KNOWN FIRST, THEN USAF COULD QUERY HOW ANALYSIS PERFORMED AND CONCESSIONS DERIVED. IN ALL PROBABILITY NICAP WILL LET USAF MAKE FIRST STATEMENT, THEN WILL MAKE THE USUAL CHARGES.

PART VIII. MAKING CHECK FOR INFORMATION REGARDING ATIC'S ENTRY INTO UFO PROGRAM AND EARLY HISTORY REGARDING DOCUMENTS WHICH BROUGHT THIS ABOUT.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS:

1. A check with Dr. Lincoln LaPaz, Head of the Department of Meteoritics at the University of New Mexico, revealed that no unusual meteorological or astronomical phenomena occurred during this period.
2. Weather records reveal that the planet Venus was at first magnitude at 2000 hours MST, and at 15 degrees elevation, with an azimuth of 225 degrees.
3. Moonset on 3 November 1957 was at 0229 hours MST at an azimuth of 270 degrees.

CONCLUSIONS:

1. The conclusion is that the first patrol probably, due to refraction, mistook moonset for an UFO and that the second patrol probably witnessed the planet Venus.
2. Both sightings were made by young and impressionable sources, on duty in lonely and isolated areas.

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/UNCLAS/AISOC 214 PD PRELIMINARY REPORT ON WHITE SANDS SIGHTING

PD TWO SEPARATE ARMY MILITARY POLICE PATROLS CONSISTING OF TWO MEN EACH REPORTED THAT THEY HAD OBSERVED A BRILLIANT OBJECT IN THE VICINITY OF THE STALLION SITE CAMP APPROXIMATELY NINETY MILES NORTH OF THE WSPG HQS PD ON PARTOL OBSERVED THIS OBJECT AT APPROXIMATELY 0300 ON 3 NOV 57 PD THE OTHER PARTOL OBSERVED AN OBJECT AT APPROXIMATELY 2000 HOURS PD DURING BOTH SIGHTINGS THE WEATHER WAS COOL TO MILDLY CMM GUSTY WIND CONDITIONS PREVAILED 0300 AND THE WEATHER WAS CALM AT 2000 HOURS PD A FEW STARS WERE VISIBLE THROUGH SCATTERED CLOUD CONDITIONS PD INTERVIEWS WITH THE

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PD NO OTHER CRITERIA FOR UFOBS ARE APPLICABLE PD THIS

SIGHTING MADE BY THE PATROL AT 0300 HOURS IS "PROBABLY" THE MOON PD

UNINTERPOLATED DATA INDICATES MOONSET AT 0229 HOURS AT AN AZIMUTH

OF 270 DEGREES PD REFLECTIONS FROM SCATTERED CLOUDS ARE PROBABLE PD

ALTHOUGH THE PLANET SIRIUS IS EVIDENT DURING THIS HOUR CMM IT WAS

ONLY OF THIRD MAGNITUDE AND MAY BE RULED OUT PD AF FORM 112

FOLLOWS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE PD END

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Re:

Lightings by two military  
patrols in White Sands  
Proving ground area.

*Postponed action*

*3 Oct 1960  
Dick Stoen  
Underhill  
P.S. P.R.*

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